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1. I SAW SOLOFOSON ON DECEMBER 1 AND CONVEYED TO HIM INFO IN
REF A. HIS FIRST REACTION WAS THAT THERE WAS NO REAL CHANGE IN
US POSITION ON PAYMENT. I TOLD HIM THAT USG POSITION WAS THE SAME
AS IT HAD BEEN IN FEBRUARY, POSSIBILITY OF A PAYMENT UP TO
\$200,000 WAS ENVISAGED DEPENDING UPON CONDITION OF EQUIPMENT TO
BE RECUPERATED. BUT INSPECTION WAS MANDATORY BEFORE ANY NEGOTIATIONS
ON MATERIAL TO BE RECUPERATED AND PAYMENT TO BE MADE
COULD BE UNDERTAKEN. SOLOFOSON THEN ASKED IF USG HAS RECONSIDERED
POSSIBILITY OF SETTLING ON A NO INSPECTION, NO RECUPERATION,
NO PAYMENT BASIS. I TOLD HIM THIS CONTINUED TO BE UNACCEPTABLE
TO US.

2. SOLOFOSON THEN ASKED ME TO PUT OUR POSITION ON A PAPER THAT
HE COULD USE IN DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE WITH DRM AUTHORITIES. HE
ALSO SAID THAT IT WOULD HELP IF DRM COULD HAVE BETTER IDEA OF
WHAT WE HAD IN MIND TO RECUPERATE AND WHAT WAS TO BE LEFT TO
DRM. I TOLD HIM THAT I WOULD SEE WHAT INFORMATION WE WERE ABLE TO
FURNISH ON THIS.

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3. I HAVE SENT SOLOFOSON AN AIDE MEMOIRE SETTING FORTH USG
POSITION ON INSPECTION, RECUPERATION, AND PAYMENT. HE ALSO HAS
THE SPECIFICS ON THE THREE INTENDED INSPECTORS. IN ADDITION I
SENT HIM A COPY OF THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO 165 OF AUG 7, 1975,
WHICH ITEMIZED THE CATEGORIES OF EQUIPMENT WHICH WOULD REVERT
TO THE DRM UNDER THE SETTLEMENT ENVISAGED AT THAT TIME (PER
STATE 177561 OF 7-29-75). I COVERED THIS NOTE WITH A LETTER

SAYING THAT, BECAUSE OF THE PASSAGE OF TIME, I COULD NOT STATE CATEGORICALLY THAT THIS LIST WAS STILL COMPLETELY VALID, BUT THAT I WAS SENDING IT TO HIM FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES AS AN INDICATION OF THE DIVISION OF EQUIPMENT WE HAD IN MIND.

4. COMMENT: I HAVE A FEELING SOLOFOSON HAS CONCLUDED THAT HE WILL GET NO FURTHER IN OUR DISCUSSIONS AND THAT HE MIGHT THEREFORE JUST AS WELL PRESENT OUR POSITION FORMALLY TO PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA FOR DECISION, HENCE HIS REQUEST FOR A PIECE OF PAPER. I ALSO FEEL THAT THE LOGIC OF OUR POSITION ON INSPECTION AND THE NECESSITY THEREFORE PRIOR TO ANY FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS IS SINKING IN. I THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT WE TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION PENDING HIS REPLY TO OUR AIDE MEMOIRE, WHICH INCLUDES THE REMINDER THAT INSPECTION SHOULD START NEXT WEEK OR MUST BE POSTPONED UNTIL JANUARY. OTHER SUGGESTIONS I HAVE MADE (REFS B & C) CAN BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING NEXT DRM MOVE. BARRETT

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